

WASHINGTON, DC - Last evening Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1), joined by Senator Mark Warner (VA) and Congressman Glen Nye (VA-2), met with Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley in an effort to push for the placement of the Air Force's CYBER Command at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, VA. The Air Force is set to release their decision on March 31st.

"I was pleased to meet with Secretary Donley and had a great discussion on the preexisting assets at Langley as well as the benefits to not only the Air Force, but the City of Hampton in standing up CYBER Command there," said Wittman.

"The Hampton Roads region has the largest concentration of military personnel on the East Coast and a local work force with the technical skills and security clearances to make CYBER Command successful from day one so it makes absolute sense from a mission standpoint," said Wittman.

"In my meeting with the Secretary he also assured me that in no way are any Langley facilities or installations at risk if CYBER Command were to be located elsewhere around the country," said Wittman.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has long been a national leader in innovative and cutting-edge technology, and the Hampton Roads Area is a key reason for that reputation. Currently, there are over 650,000 miles of fiber optic cable in Hampton Roads. Much of this fiber is also dark, allowing for additional capacity and scalability as new technologies emerge to take advantage of the latest in fiber optic multiplexing techniques. When the Global Cyber Integration Center was created two years ago, Hampton worked with a local developer to construct a facility to military specifications that met Air Force anti-terrorism building standards and a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure in less than a year.

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.